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### SUGGESTION AS TO GRAND JURY SELECTION

It would seem that the system of selecting grand juries now in vogue might be rendered more satisfactory by having these bodies more in rotation of the citizens and taxpayers of the county. The present grand jury is rather a departure from those of the past, in that, while there are still a number of the old, familiar faces, there are a few new members, who will doubtless evidence their individuality when the report is rendered. Inasmuch as grand juries deem their duty well performed when, after finding bills true or otherwise, they weave garlands of flowers and with them decorate the office holders, it will be pleasing if a different variety of posey is used this term.

But, seriously speaking, the duties of grand juries far exceed their constituted powers, although this should not be an excuse for failing to perform that duty. It would doubtless be done in more satisfactory manner if the jury were to be selected from a greater percentage of the voting population. The Bonanza suggests that the entire registration of the county be scanned when the next grand jury is drawn and that a process of elimination be followed. First check from the list the voters who are not actual residents, but who retain some Nye county precinct as a voting place. It might be just as well to also strike from the list any who, in the judgment of the officials in charge, would not be acceptable for other reasons, such reasons as would make them undesirable as trial jurors for instance. Then it would be just as well not to consider such men as would be subjected to great inconvenience through distance they would be compelled to travel or duties that bind them to their occupations, causing loss if neglected. Men above a certain age or engaged in such employments as make them exempt from trial jury service could also be stricken from the list. Then, with each remaining name written upon a slip, the work of reducing the number could be taken up by chance, resolving down to the required 17. This would be a fair and impartial method and would doubtless result in excellent service rendered.

### OUR DIPLOMATIC SERVICE

THE selections of Secretary Bryan of new men for diplomatic and consular positions have been such as to utterly discredit him as a responsible executive. They have made us a laughing stock in all continents, and have been the cause of national mortification, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The case of San Domingo, where we are exercising some sort of a protectorate, is particularly disgusting. Having poked our nose into the affairs of that alleged republic for the purpose of protecting its wretched people from political robbers, it appears that we have merely supplanted the untrained and uncouth plunderers, who are native to the soil, and who must rely for success on their personal efforts, by more accomplished and effective agents of corruption, backed up by the powers of this great and glorious nation.

This is not assuming that Minister Sullivan is guilty of any of the offenses charged or that he was cognizant of or suspected the conspiracies with which his name was connected by others, and which have been proved by testimony. The matter is under investigation. But the fact remains, that his personality and connections—and very likely his conduct in office—have been such as to make such allegations not only possible, but readily accepted as true. Diplomatic representatives of a great modern nation are assumed to be above suspicion. Especially is that true when, as in the case of San Domingo, the main service which they are expected to perform is of a fiduciary nature. Having voluntarily and rather forcibly taken over the administration of much of the San Domingo finances, it is a matter of national mortification that it should be necessary even to investigate our minister to that country. For the honor of the country, we shall all hope that he has been merely sold out without his knowledge by scurvy relatives who are on the make.

### UNLIKELIHOOD OF A SECOND TERM

IT is rather unlikely that the Democratic party will be a unit in its preference for President Wilson as its standard bearer next year. While it is almost a certainty that he would willingly accept that honor, as evidenced by his silent consent, there are a number of other men in the ranks who are girding their loins for the race. Of Republican candidates there will be an even greater number, for the reunited party stands next year a much better opportunity to carry the country than it did in 1912, when there were serious splits in the party and dissensions in the ranks, as well as lack of a definite policy, against which was arrayed a united Democracy, united for the first time in its history since the days when Grover Cleveland whipped and coaxed it into line. There are many reasons why Republicanism will achieve success, chief of which has been the utter failure of that obsession of the Democratic party, a tariff for revenue only, which at best is but an adjunct to the war tax levied in time of peace for the support of the government.

### TENNYSON FORESAW AERIAL NAVIES

THE recent raid of English towns by Zeppelins, together with other notable accomplishments by the air fleets of the warring powers, establishes the heavier than air machine as well as the dirigible and propelled balloon as a coming important factor in both war and commerce. How prophetic was the poet laureate of England, half a century ago, when he wrote: "I saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails; pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales; heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew from the nations' airy navies, grappling, in the central blue."

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## INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS

Things to worry about: There are 117 bones in a pig's foot.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

As a general thing it isn't the knocker who wears the claw hammer coat.—Dallas News.

Candy is announced as an alcohol cure, but what is the cure for candy?—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

What has become of the old-fashioned training school for boys that used to be located in the woodshed?—Atlanta Journal.

That shortage of toothpicks in Belgium would seem to be the absolute zero in things to worry about.—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

Moreover, when a young girl is permitted to wear paint on her

cheeks it is a sign that her mother is a weak sister.—Galveston News.

Moses Wohl of New York, at 100, danced the tango with his great-granddaughter. That is one way of growing old.—Birmingham Ledger.

If there had been submarines in Jonah's day he might never have lived to tell his wife that most famous of fish stories.—Pittsburg Gazette.

A man somewhere sues his wife for divorce because she snores. Go over to the spare bedroom and settle the matter amicably.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A picture of ex-Presidents Roosevelt and Taft side by side in seeming amity should bring a fancy price. The photographer who suggested it was not silly.—Portland Oregonian.

## Kelliher Assembly Bill With New Sponsor

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day is dawning, when enlightenment along all lines of thought shall surely come, let us not fetter the thoughts of our children by the fears and the bitter doses so liberally administered to us in our youth.

Then, too, it is not part of the duty of a teacher to diagnose diseases which the medical fraternity have taught were the subjects of specialized learning and experience. There are few specialists of the eye, ear, nose and throat in this state, and yet this bill requires a teacher to pass upon such matters for the child, by the aid of rules of the state board of health, composed of allopathic doctors. Who demands such a bill? Do the parents? Do the children? Do the school teachers? All answer "No." Do the doctors? All answer "Yes."

### The Communication.

Editor Bonanza:—I was interested in your editorial of last evening entitled "The Health of Our Children," both in its diagnosis and the remedy proposed in the Steele bill now pending in the legislature, but inasmuch as you did not state the substance of that bill, will you permit me a few words in doing so. The title is: "An act requiring the examination of all school children to ascertain if they have defective eyesight or hearing or diseased teeth, or if they are addicted to mouth-breathing." Section 1 makes it the duty of the teacher to examine the children for such defects, and if she thinks they exist it is her duty to notify the parent of such defect and explain the "necessity of medical attendance for such child." Section 2 provides that the State board of health shall prescribe rules for making such tests. Section 3 requires the tests at the beginning of school year or when child first attends. Section 4 makes it the duty of the board of education to enforce the act. This bill means nothing less than compulsory medicine. Do parents desire that the responsibility for their children's health and the mode of its preservation shall be taken from them and placed in the hands of the school teacher who shall be authorized to command "medical attendance" whenever in his judgment a child is "defective?" For no other construction will be placed by the medical fraternity upon the language of section 1. In other states a similar provision of law has been thought to justify a rule

by the board excluding children from attendance at school until "medical attendance" is resorted to by the parent.

There are at least four cogent objections to this bill. 1st. It deprives the parent of the right to determine when his child needs medicine, or, if defective, the method of treatment to be followed, for "medical attendance" means little else than the drug or the knife. There is no appeal from the judgment of the teacher on the child. Once he has "explained" the "necessity for medical attendance" the child will be under the ban until that order is complied with, and this order is to be made by a teacher, unskilled in the arts of diagnosis, surgery or medicine.

Let the order be made, and the parent will be on his way to the doctor's office for some operation or treatment which, from the apparent health of the child he never before dreamed was necessary, for if he had observed any lack of health, he would have been active in his child's behalf long before the teacher's examination. This law is made compulsory for the purpose of compelling unwilling parents to seek "medical attendance" for their children, otherwise, there would be no need of its most prominent feature. It is needless to say this will greatly increase the doctor's bill in the homes of all school children found "defective."

To many persons, awake to the tendencies of the time, however, this bill will seem a menace to personal freedom. What right has the legislature to delegate to the teacher the power to say to the parent, "You must hire the dentist for your child," or "the child's eyes are not perfect, employ medical attendance," or "the child's eyes are not perfect, get somebody to fit some glasses on?" If such a law can be passed and enforced against your children, why may not a similar one be passed imposing a like examination upon all adults before they shall be allowed to vote, or perform any other function of a public nature? Insofar as this bill is compulsory it is objectionable. If it is intended merely to secure information to be submitted to the parent, doubtless much well-grounded opposition would be allayed, but so long as the right to say what is best for the children's health is attempted to be taken from the parent, and a form of expense imposed for "medical attendance" which the parent might not endorse, is substituted, it behooves liberty-loving citizens to be vigilant, and to protest most vigorously to the members of the legislature from this county against such imposition.

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